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GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU MIGHT

SUGGEST; GOJ MINISTRY OF FINANCE WOULD NOT LOOK FAVORABLY
UPON COMMERCIAL USE BY JAPANESE MEDAL MANUFACTURERS.

FOR THE INFORMATION AND CONVENIENCE OF THE EMBASSY A COPY
OF THE LATEST STATUTE WHICH INDICATES WHAT PRESENT
RESTRICTIONS EXIST IN REGARD TO USE OF FACSIMILES OF THE
SEAL IS BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER; NOW CODIFIED
IN 18 U.S. CODE, SECTION 713.

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT STATES THAT UNDER THE HOBBY
PROTECTION ACT (PUBLIC LAW 93-167) PASSED BY CONGRESS
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